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**PETITION FILING INSTRUCTION SHEET
2008 PRIMARY ELECTION
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The New Jersey Division of Elections accepts petitions on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, which serves as the Chief Election Official of the State of New Jersey. Set forth below are qualifications for candidacy along with an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions to conform with Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

Candidate petitions may be filed in person or mailed, but must be received by the deadline date, on or before 4:00 pm on Monday, April 7, 2008.

Pursuant to the Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Section 2, Clause 2, to qualify as a candidate for the office of United States House of Representatives, you must meet the following qualifications:

- ✓ shall have attained the age of 25 years
- ✓ a United States Citizen for seven years
- ✓ a resident of New Jersey

Each candidate should read and follow petition instructions carefully in order to ensure that the petition is accepted for filing for the office of United States House of Representatives.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:23-5 et seq., petitions must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be signed by at least 200 voters in the Congressional District. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-8)
2. Candidate's name and address must appear on each petition. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-7)
3. Circulator/witness must sign the petition on a numbered line. The location of the signature of the circulator/witness in the petition must be indicated. (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)
4. The affidavit of the person who circulates the candidate petition and also serves as witness to the petition signatures, is known as the circulator/witness. This person must also sign on page 13 under "signature of witness." (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)
5. Candidate must sign a "certificate of acceptance" and an "oath of allegiance." (N.J.S.A. 19:23-15)

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6. Insert your designation/slogan which must not exceed six words "...no such designation or slogan shall include or refer to the name of any person or any incorporated association of this State unless the written consent of such person or incorporated association of this State has been filed with the petition of nomination of such candidate or group of candidates."
(N.J.S.A. 19:23-17)

The person submitting a petition will be asked to provide the day and evening telephone numbers of the candidate. This is in the event that someone file a challenge to the candidate petition. The daytime phone number will also be used for public information purposes, i.e., press/citizen inquiry.

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions, but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any questions, please contact the New Jersey Division of Elections at (609) 292-3760.

Completed candidate petitions must be delivered to:

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